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SUBJECT: FIFTEEN NON-AFGHAN MUSLIM VOLUNTEERS DIE
IN AFGHAN JEHAD

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2. SUMMARY: IN THE MAY JAJI BATTLE IN PAKTIA PROVINCE
FIFTEEN "INTERNATIONAL MUSLIMS," INCLUDING FIVE FROM
SAUDI ARABIA, DIED ALONGSIDE THE AFGHAN MUJAHEDIN. THESE
MOSTLY ARAB VOLUNTEERS ARE AFFILIATED WITH PROFESSOR
ABDUL RASHID SAYYAF'S PARTY, ITTIHAD-YE ISLAMI BARAYE
AZADI-YE AFGHANISTAN (ISLAMIC ALLIANCE FOR THE FREEDOM
OF AFGHANISTAN). THEY ARE REPORTEDLY MEMBERS OF THE
MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD. END SUMMARY.

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3. [REDACTED] ON JUNE 20 INTERNATIONAL MUSLIM PARTICIPATION IN SAYYAF'S AFGHAN RESISTANCE PARTY ITTEHAD. HE SAID THAT ITTEHAD HAS MANY ARAB VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD. AL-RUNYAN'S CURRENT ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHER IS ALGERIAN. HE SAID.

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4. [REDACTED] DURING THE JAJI BATTLE IN MAY, IN WHICH SAYYAF SAID HE LOST 55 AFGHANS, 15 INTERNATIONAL MUSLIMS ALSO DIED. "MOSTLY IN HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT," INCLUDING FIVE FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND ONE EACH FROM TUNISIA, LIBYA, AND EGYPT. A VERSION OF THIS STORY WAS PICKED UP BY AGENCY FRANCE PRESS AFTER IT APPEARED IN THE SAUDI PRESS AND WAS FRONT-PAGED IN THE PAKISTAN ENGLISH DAILY "THE MUSLIM." [REDACTED] STORY WAS MISTAKENLY RELEASED BY A SAYYAF ASSOCIATE NOT AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK TO THE PRESS. [REDACTED] TREPIDATION THAT THE GOP WOULD BE UNHAPPY WITH THE RELEASE OF THIS STORY AND THAT THE USSR WOULD USE IT FOR PROPAGANDA. HE ALSO ADDED THAT ITTEHAD HAS "MANY" VOLUNTEERS FROM SYRIA.

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5. [REDACTED] SAUDI ARABIA RECENTLY ESTABLISHED A NEW LAW THAT ANY MALE UNDER 18 CANNOT LEAVE THE COUNTRY WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND HIS PARENTS. HE SAID THAT ITTEHAD HAS SAUDI VOLUNTEERS AS YOUNG AS 16 AND THAT AGE SHOULD NOT MATTER IF THE BOYS WANT TO FIGHT THE COMMUNISTS. HE SPECULATED THAT SAUDI ARABIA IMPOSED THIS NEW TRAVEL RESTRICTION BECAUSE IT DOES NOT WANT TO OFFEND THE SOVIET UNION WITH SAUDI BOYS FLOCKING TO FIGHT IN AFGHANISTAN.

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6. COMMENT: NOT ONLY HAS THE NUMBER OF ARAB VOLUNTEERS FIGHTING WITH THE MUJAHEDIN SEEMINGLY INCREASED RECENTLY, BUT THE NUMBER AND PUBLIC VISIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL MUSLIM PARTICIPATION IN THE AFGHAN STRUGGLE HAS ALSO INCREASED.

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8. CAROL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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